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REMARKS

The present invention, as amended independent claims 8, 11 and 22, teaches a combination of elements including a feature of "a polarizer holder supporting said plurality of quartz substrate parts, wherein the polarizer holder includes a material having an optical absorptivity of almost 100% and the material is an Aluminum or Duralumin whose surface is anodized, and wherein the polarizer holder absorbs light reflected by the plurality of quartz substrate parts." None of cited references teach or suggest at least this feature of the present invention.

Applicants believe the application is in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

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